

which encouraged church members to become adoptive or foster parents for children in need. He was also a member of the Decatur Anti-Violence Task Force and worked to curb the devastating influence of gang activity on the youth of Decatur. He has also worked very closely with the Human Rights Commission, NAACP, and the public schools. He was a dedicated pastor at the Trinity CME church for 14 years, and while leading the church he also was president of the Ministerial Alliance and a member of the Decatur Interfaith Union.

It is clear that the Rev. Dr. Eugene Joseph Bert Green was an exceptional man and leader and he will be missed by all who knew and respected his life and work. His passing was a great loss not only for his family and the City of Decatur, but for all people who strive to make the world a better place for all mankind. He will be sorely missed, but never forgotten.

#### TRIBUTE TO RAYMOND C. FISHER

##### HON. BRAD SHERMAN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 1999*

Mr. SHERMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to a constituent and a truly outstanding member of this Administration, Raymond C. Fisher. Mr. Fisher was selected as the 1999 Distinguished Alumnus at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

Public service has been a hallmark of Ray Fisher's distinguished career that was recognized by UCSB. During his 30-year legal career, he has also served as president of the Los Angeles City Civil Service Commission, Deputy General Counsel to the Christopher Commission, and chair of the Los Angeles Police Commission. Mr. Fisher's dedication to practicing law in the public's interest is especially reflected in his service as a special assistant to the Governor of California, and as past president of the Constitutional Rights Foundation.

His lifetime of public service was recognized in a ceremony on February 20th, yet his work continues. Ray Fisher is now serving as an Associate Attorney General, and his office oversees a broad range of divisions, including antitrust, civil rights, legal counsel, and taxation. The Justice Department is well served by both his character and his concern for the public interest.

Mr. Speaker, distinguished colleagues, I ask you to join me and the University of California at Santa Barbara in celebrating Raymond Fisher's distinguished legal and public service career. We look forward to his continued leadership role at Justice for many years to come.

#### A TRIBUTE TO THE LATE JOHN MEYER, DEVOTED TO GOD, FAMILY, AND COUNTRY

##### HON. CARRIE P. MEEK

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 1999*

Mrs. MEEK of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to the late John Meyer of Maryland on the tenth anniversary of his death in March, 1989. Mr. Meyer shared an interest that I hold

close, that of the welfare of America's aging veterans.

As an employee of many years' standing at the Soldiers, Sailors, and Airmen's Home on Harewood Road in Washington, D.C., Mr. Meyer's compassion and quiet, hard work earned him the friendship and respect of the veterans. Their bereavement at Mr. Meyer's tragic death on March 24 at age 26 after an automobile accident was expressed in a touching manner. The veterans arranged to attend Mr. Meyer's funeral by the busloads. The Easter Monday funeral service overflowed with family, friends, and flowers.

John Meyer also worked at the United States Department of Agriculture's Research Farm in Beltsville, Maryland, where he was a valued employee. Mr. Meyer was the proud father of his daughter, Angela Grace; an attentive husband to his wife, Jayne; a beloved son of his parents, Angela and Jacob Meyer; and a devoted brother to James and Donald. He also was survived by his loving grandmothers, Rose Zerega and Eloise Kramer; and by his aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends, who treasure his happy memory.

John Meyer lived the ethos of devotion to God, family, and country. His example of solid American citizenship has left an indelible impression on those who knew him.

#### A TRIBUTE TO WAWONA FROZEN FOODS

##### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 1999*

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Wawona Frozen Foods, recipient of the 1998 Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award.

Wawona Frozen Foods is an organization whose achievements and impacts have significantly contributed to the Ag industry and the Central Valley. The Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award honors a service or product-related agribusiness or farming entity, with headquarters in the central San Joaquin Valley. The Award recipient is selected by a committee representing the AgFRESNO Advisory Board, National Ag Marketing Association and the Agriculture department at Baker, Peterson & Franklin.

Wawona Frozen Foods grows and processes California freestone peaches and strawberries into fresh frozen fruit products and baked fruit pastries. From a modest beginning 35 years ago, with 60 part-time employees the company has grown to 150 full-time and 1,200 seasonal processing facility to three state-of-the-art facilities. Annual revenue has grown 40 fold, now exceeding \$40 million annually. Beginning as a supplier to solely food manufacturers, Wawona has grown their sales in other markets including food service distributors, restaurant chains, retail and warehouse stores, school food service and the USDA school lunch program.

Wawona Frozen Foods is America's largest processor of California freestone peaches, shipping over 65 million pounds of the 110 million pound industry-wide crop of 80% of the entire national frozen production. The growth in sales of frozen peaches has a vital and positive impact on the entire freestone peach

industry and makes the total peach marketing program more stable while contributing to the potential of higher prices for fresh market peaches.

Wawona Frozen Foods is an exceptional corporate citizen. Its officers and employees participate in and financially support many community activities. Wawona is involved with the Clovis Unified School Foundation, Valley Children's Hospital, St. Agnes Hospital, Valley Teen Ranch and the National Hispanics Scholarship Fund, just to name a few. All of the Wawona principals are graduates of California State University, Fresno, and major grants have been given to the CSUF Ag and Food Science Departments as a commitment of their support. The company has also been a leader in state and national organizations such as the California Tree Fruit Association, National Restaurant Association and the American Frozen Foods Institute, of which Wawona's CEO is president emeritus on the board of directors.

Mr. Speaker, I am honored to recognize Wawona Frozen Foods as the recipient of the Baker, Peterson & Franklin Ag Business Award. The Central Valley can be proud of the fine work done by this outstanding local company. I invite all of my colleagues to join me in wishing Wawona Frozen Foods many years of continued success.

#### TRIBUTE TO MR. AND MRS. JOE E. PALMER ON THEIR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

##### HON. DAVID D. PHELPS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 1999*

Mr. PHELPS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Mr. and Mrs. Joe E. Palmer of Herrin, IL, on the occasion of their fiftieth wedding anniversary. The Palmers were married on Feb. 26, 1949 in Herrin, where they lived, worked and raised a large family with 10 children, 23 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Joe and Dora were exceptional role models and they worked hard to provide their children with a Christian home. All ten of their children received college degrees, and some went on to graduate school. Joe worked for and retired from the Maytag Corporation and Dora was a homemaker. Since retirement both have enjoyed gardening and spending time with their family. Once again, I am pleased to have this opportunity to congratulate the Palmers, and I would like to wish them and their family many more happy years.

#### TRIBUTE TO AMY PAGE OF GIRL SCOUT TROOP 395

##### HON. SPENCER BACHUS

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, March 8, 1999*

Mr. BACHUS. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to salute an outstanding young woman who has been honored with the Girl Scout Gold Award by the Cahaba Girl Scout Council in Birmingham, Alabama. She is Amy Page of Girl Scout Troop 395. She has been honored for earning the highest achievement award in